

1. Name: Rick Palumbo

(declined to have his photo printed with his responses)

2. Age: 69

3. Years lived in Townsend: 2 years

4. Family: Married with two children

5. Education: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Montclair State University

6. Occupation or former occupation: Healthcare Executive, AP History Teacher, Peace Corps Recruiter

7. Leadership experience: Team leader and department director and in business and government

8. What are the three most important issues in Townsend and how would you propose handling them?

To encourage and attract businesses to locate in Townsend that enhance daily life; Quality of Life issues, (e.g. Railroad Quiet Zones, better policing practices); Greater transparency and accountability by town government.

As to attracting businesses that could enhance daily life for the residences of Townsend, I would work to develop a plan to bring a gas station/store (e.g. Royal Farms) to Townsend at Route 71 and Main Street, to create a real town center which would benefit so of our many residents.

On quality of life issues, working with the county and state to create "Railroad Quiet Zones" to eliminate train horns and speeds at night and make a real effort to upgrade and address the issue of municipal policing.

Finally, I would work to make sure all town council meetings (not just agendas), were available on the town website, allowing residents who are unable to attend to know what their council members and municipal representatives were doing concerning addressing local issues.

9. What qualities, characteristics and/or experience do you have that will help the town if elected?

I will work as a full-time councilman for the residents of Townsend, (while donating my salary), utilizing my excellent problem solving and organizational abilities. I will also put to good use my professional and managerial experience to make the town government work better for all the residents of Townsend.